

FY 2021 Trailer Appropriation

H544

Department: Fish and Game**Sponsors: Reps. Kauffman, Toone, Sen. Burtenshaw****Division: Fish and Game****Program: Wildlife****Description: Trailer Appropriation H544 (Passed House 2/28/20, on Senate 3rd Reading)****1. Background:**

H544 amends existing law to remove reference to Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in regards to the upland game bird hunting permit. The bill expands the areas where a hunter may take upland game, including allowing hunting of stocked pheasants on department-owned lands, lands managed under agreement with the department, and private lands enrolled in a department-sponsored public access program (such as Access Yes!). The department anticipates stocking additional pheasants on these areas that the permit now covers. The department currently stocks pheasants on the Fort Boise, C.J. Strike, Montour, Payette River, Sterling, Market Lake, Mud Lake, Cartier, and Niagara Springs WMAs, but would expand the stocking program to other areas that would be authorized pheasant hunting locations under the new law.

The action, below, includes the addition of \$329,300 in ongoing operating expenditures from the Fish and Game (License) Fund, as was originally requested by the department. This would allow the department to stock 15,140 birds annually, with the price paid per bird approximately \$21.75.

2. Motion:**a. Motion:**

I move for the Department of Fish and Game, in the Wildlife Program, in addition to any other appropriation provided by law, the addition of \$329,300 ongoing from the Fish and Game (License) Fund for fiscal year 2021.

FY 2021 Additional Appropriation:

Onetime	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
	0.00	\$ -	\$ 329,300	\$ -	\$ 329,300
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